



The ARA BRIDGE

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A Memo from

The Board of Directors:

We thank all the attendees of the meeting groups at the Alano. Our Corporate Mission is to provide a place for all 12 Step Self Help Groups to meet. Your cooperation has made this a safe and pleasant way to accomplish this. It is especially by our adherence to the unspoken "Honor System" that we can all have an appreciation of the unfettered autonomy that we seek and receive.

Do you have an ARA Membership? For more information ask any Director or come to our Monthly Board meeting. Information and yellow member application forms are on the Book case in the hallway.

How it works!

The Alano works mainly by volunteer cooperation for the common good, by all! Because of this we have **not** been required to employ a full time daily Caretaker, or Security personnel. Thank you!

Did you know that you can make a Tax-Deductible donation to the
ARA?

The New Building Fund is at
\$60,541.36. On our way to our goal of
\$100,000.00!

Current Financial Concerns

As Steve Sarro, President, reported at the Annual Meeting, The Corporation has always intended that member dues and fundraising efforts would partially subsidize our guest meetings ability to meet and improve our community. If our total membership and fundraising are not sufficient, then Group rents will have to be raised to cover our shortfall. We don't want that to happen!

We will try increase membership and have better fundraising activities! A new annual event will be a weekend campout.

The first camp out will be on May 31st through June 2nd at the South Fork Group Campground in the El Dorado National Forest. You can see the flyers on top of the bookcase in the hallway for full information. For more, or up to date, information, call Cindy, Debbie or Rick, numbers are on the left side of this page.

Meeting Secretaries are asked to insure that the meeting report and checklist is completed for every meeting, every week. The ARA Corporation can be required to justify it's status as a Public Benefit. Our attendance matters!

Did you know that every month we have up to 2500 people attend 12-Step meetings at the American River Alano Club? This is an asset to our community!



Service in the Alano

Meeting Secretaries are an integral part of the Alano success! They get there on time, they open the doors and unlock the side gate before the meeting and close them afterward. They make sure that their room is ready for the meeting and correct or report any discrepancies. They either make coffee or see that it is done. They maintain order. They provide necessary reports and keep attendees informed of changes that need attention. They do a good job! Show them that they are appreciated, and elect good replacements!

Did You Know

The Alano has a new meeting:

ACA/DF
Adult Children of
Alcoholics/Dysfunctional
Families meets every
Friday night in Room B,
8-9 PM~Open Red Book
Study, all are welcome!
**Come check their
Promises !**

A California Non-Profit
Public Benefit
Corporation of members
who wish to make 12th
Step work
POSSIBLE !

Any one can be a member if
they wish to support 12 Step
programs that make the
community better.

**All Officers and Staff
are Volunteers!**

**The Board of Directors
meets monthly on the 2nd
Sunday at 5:30 PM**

Safety First!

Unimpeded evacuation is essential during emergencies! Please help by insuring that doors are not blocked by chairs or objects, that escape routes are available in at least two directions, and that ALL exterior doors are unlocked whenever any meeting is in progress !

Alc-a-thon

The season has passed, but now is a good time to prepare for the next one. An Alc-a-thon can only be held at the Alano when: Sponsored by a meeting, Approved by the Board at least a month in advance, Advertised appropriately, Coordinated with other meetings that are impacted, and adequate supervision and clean up are arranged for. If your group is interested in doing that, talk about it at the regular Business meeting, in advance, to make it happen!

An Open Meeting in Nature!

Plan on being part of the 1st Annual Alano Campout!

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